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Mr. John Howard, Superintendent  
Monocacy National Battlefield  
and Antietam National Battlefield  
USDI National Park Service  
P.O. Box 158  
Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Dear Mr. Howard:

On June 14, 2005, I conducted an aerial detection survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Monocacy National Battlefield and Antietam National Battlefield. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, your sites.

However, if you anticipate requesting financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2006, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 19, 2005.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey or survey letter.

Sincerely,

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Forest Health Protection

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